

WEST VIRGINIA TAKES PART IN CAPITAL NEWS

Events of Washington, D. C., Are Reported by Telegram's Correspondent There.

(SPECIAL CORRESPONDENCE)

WASHINGTON, April 22.—Judge Lewis Napoleon Tavenner, a distinguished Parkersburg jurist who is known statewide politically and legally, is likely to be known as widely as a state historian ere long. In and around Parkersburg he has enjoyed such a reputation for years. The angular and affable jurist has been in Washington for a week going over about 700 pages of manuscript with Judge Thomas I. Stealey, a West Virginian who now makes his home in this city. Judge Stealey is about eighty-six years of age, mental as clear as a bell, a physician, no alert as to be a "phenom." He was both spectator and sometime actor in many of the early legislative and political events of the state. He is a fund of information on how West Virginia came to be, and he knows the debt controversy frontwards and backwards. Judge Tavenner brought his historical manuscript here for the purpose of having Judge Stealey read it and help edit it. That work done, it is now about to go to the printer.

Congressman Neely has followed up his elaborate tariff commission bill with a joint resolution proposing an amendment to the constitution which, should it pass, would relieve Congress of the interesting business of tariff making. The author explains that his proposed amendment does not necessarily imply that he doubted the unconstitutionality of any of the provisions of his tariff commission bill, for he declares he doesn't; but it does stand as a sort of early harbinger of what he confidently predicts will be done with the tariff before the close of a decade. He takes the authority to levy tariff taxes out of the control of Congress by constitutional amendment and lodge it with a commission.

This is a joint resolution, and as it proposes an amendment to the awe-inspiring and more or less sacred constitution, it ranks high in interest, and is therefore worth detailed observation. It follows:

"Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled (two-thirds of each house concurring therein), that the following article is proposed as an amendment to the constitution of the United States which shall be valid to all intents and purposes as part of the constitution when ratified by all the legislatures of three-fourths of the several states:

"The Congress shall have power to confer upon a commission or board power to establish and modify rates of duties and impose on imports."

The House referred the bill to the committee on the judiciary of which Major Neely is a member.

At a meeting of the Democratic national congressional committee, Senator W. E. Chilton was elected to take the place vacant by the death of William G. Brown.

A bill providing for an increase in the pension of Lynn J. Heldreth, of Lumberton, was introduced in the House Friday.

Mrs. Henry Carrothers Jeffords, who has been a guest of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Cooper, of this city, has returned to her home in Charleston, W. Va.

W. H. Hutton has returned to Washington after a visit in Huntington, Charleston and Wheeling.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry S. Brown, of Bramwell, have been spending the week in the capital.

Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Smith, of Bramwell, are guests of Congressman and Mrs. Edward Cooper at the Raleigh. They are on their way to Atlantic City to spend a week, and will be joined by Mrs. Cooper there later Mr. Smith and Mrs. Cooper and brother and sister.

Mrs. Mary M. Dollinger, widow of the late Henry M. Dollinger, died at her home here Tuesday, aged 64 years. Her body was taken to Falling Water church, W. Va., where it was interred with appropriate rites.

Miss Sallie Caperton, a charming young lady of Charleston, has left for her home after a visit with friends here.

Julius Q. Visquesney, state game and fish warden for West Virginia, is a visitor in the city.

John Hamilton, a picture show operator, wants to get back from the

government a license of \$20.48 which he claims to have overpaid the internal revenue collector at Parkersburg. Congressman Sutherland is helping him. The papers in the case have been missing for several months but were found yesterday.

Mrs. Adam B. Littlepage, wife of the Third district representative, was one of the party of ladies in the reception line at a musicale given by Mrs. Ames, wife of Major Ames, United States army, retired, at the Ebbit, in honor of delegates attending the Daughters of the American Revolution convention.

Major Neely has been notified by the pension bureau that applications for increase had been allowed Emily J. Drain, of Shinnston, \$20 a month from last December, and accrued pension due her husband at the time of his death; and Jacob L. Richards, Clarksburg, \$18 a month, from last March. Mr. Neely has taken up with the bureau the applications of William Calben, of Fairmont; and Amos R. Ridgeway, of Adamston, a veteran of the war with Spain.

Mrs. T. R. Cowell, of Parkersburg, is a guest at the Raleigh, having come to Washington to spend the Easter holidays with her daughter, Elizabeth, who is a pupil at Miss Bristol's school.

The British government has held up a cargo in which there is a consignment of gloves to S. M. Hohl, a New York broker, that the firm of George M. Snook and Company, of Wheeling, W. Va., say belongs to them if they can get the goods released. The British government doubts the good faith of the New York dealer, or that it is its claim. Upon request of the Wheeling concern, which is a large reputable firm, Congressman Neely called on Secretary of State Lansing and requested him to try and get the British government to release the shipment.

Many requests are being made on members of the state delegation for memorial books which the government will issue containing all the addresses and resolutions touching upon the life, the public service and the death of Representative William G. Brown, of Kingwood. It will be several months before this book is issued and ready for distribution.

In the mean time, only a copy of the Record containing the speeches is obtainable, and the issue of last Sunday does not contain all of them, because some of the addresses have been inserted in the Record since.

The beautiful tribute which Congressman Cooper had prepared and expected to deliver last Sunday, but which he was unable to do because he was unexpectedly called to Bluefield on important business, did not appear in the Record until Tuesday. Many other tributes are likely to be inserted in the Record from day to day, and the whole, when collected into one volume will make quite a showing, and be an everlasting tribute to the popularity of "Junior" Brown with the men who were his co-workers in the congressional service of his country.

Charles Q. Hupp has been appointed a rural mail carrier at Woodruff upon the recommendation of Congressman Neely. The latter has had up the matter with Secretary of War Baker of getting a son of Mrs. Minnie E. Shuman, of Wheeling, discharged from the army. The mother claims that her son enlisted two years ago at the age of sixteen without her consent. The soldier is with troops at El Paso, Tex.

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SCHOOL BOARD AND TEACHERS ENTERTAINED

Delightfully by the Junior Girls of the High School in the City of Weston.

WESTON, April 22.—The junior girls of the Weston high school entertained the members of the board of education, their wives and the faculty members at a 6 o'clock dinner Wednesday evening. Covers were laid for twenty. Yellow and white were the prevailing colors, carried out in the centerpiece of white tulips and yellow Easter flowers. An elaborate four course dinner was served and the guests were more than pleased with proficiency of the youthful cooks and the quaint and charming manner in which they played their parts as hostesses.

Here from Pittsburgh. Michael Riley, well known local boy, is here from Pittsburgh, a guest of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Riley. For some time Mr. Riley has been employed by the Westinghouse company, of Pittsburgh, and is advancing rapidly to the front. He will remain in the city over Sunday, returning to Pittsburgh Monday morning.

Mrs. Compton III. Mrs. Rose Jennings Compton has been very ill for a few days of pneumonia poisoning. She went home from her millinery store Friday noon in usual health. When she failed to return in the afternoon, those who worked with her grew uneasy and went to her room to learn the cause. They found the door locked and it had to be broken open. She was found unconscious. It is feared that she will not recover. Mrs. Compton is the president of the Weston Equal Suffrage League.

Meeting Called. There was a meeting called of the Civic League, of Weston, Friday evening at the high school building. The purpose was to inaugurate a "clean-up day," and beautify Weston. It is understood the council will cooperate with the league.

Better Mail Service. Postmaster Lively returned last week from Washington with the encouraging word that better mail service on routes one and six, as well as two and three from Jane Lew is in sight. This means, too, that there is to be more satisfying on the rural route from Freemansburg and for the Pink country. The department has heretofore been provided with photographs of horses down in the mud in the terrible roads and with other evidences of the unbearable business in the way of decent mail service. A star route is the most likely means to be adopted to bring relief.

Committee Reports. The committee appointed some weeks ago to consider the advisability of attempting to establish a Young Men's Christian Association here, made its report Sunday before the board of directors of the brotherhood, and it was adopted. This means that Weston is to have a Young Men's Christian Association unless there is a change of plans.

Explains Position. On Tuesday evening the Rev. Father John Swint, spoke at the Catholic church on the proposed Young Men's Christian Association. He gave an excellent address and explained fully the Catholic view of this question. Since Catholics are barred from active membership and from holding office in the Young Men's Christian Association, Father Swint favors an organization for young people with religion left out.

An "At Home." Miss Maybelle Rinehart, gave an "At Home" April 22 to meet Miss Vardene.

Passes Through. Miss Frances Klein, from West Virginia University, passed through here Saturday on her way to Buchanan to spend Easter Sunday with the Arnolds. Marion Brooks and Margaret Morris, two other students of West Virginia University, accompanied her.

Making Improvements. Improvements are being made on the houses of J. S. Vandervort and W. W. Brannon.

Personals. Miss Jennie Tierney is home from West Virginia University for the Easter holidays.

L. G. Bunnell, of Charleston, visited his parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. C. Bunnell, last week.

Dr. Ralph McWhorter, who has been practicing with Dr. W. W. Reynolds.

Miss Garnett Pharr visited her brother, Daney Pharr, while on her way from Kentucky to her home in Monroe county.

Miss Maybelle Rinehart is home for the Easter holidays from her school in Washington.

Misses Mary Collins and Margaret Cox are home for the Easter holidays from Mt. De Chantal academy.

Miss Jessie Anthony left Thursday for Asheville, N. C., where she will spend the summer with Mrs. Charles Alley. Miss Alice Queen accompanied Miss Anthony as far as Clarksburg.

Maud Vassar is at St. Mary's hospital for treatment.

Judge Joseph Duncan and Luke White were recent visitors in the city.

Dr. W. E. Stathers was over from Buchanan this week to see his son, Birk, who has been suffering from rheumatism.

Dr. William P. Newlop, of Suttou,

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FORMER "CORN KING" DIES IN CHICAGO HOME

Star of the Sensational Fluctuation in the 1901 Market Passes On.

George Harshaw Phillips, former "Corn King," is dead. He died in Chicago following a short illness.

Phillips was the star of the sensational rise and fall of the corn market on the Chicago Board of Trade in 1900 and 1901.

Corn was his hobby and he was credited with having done more to help farmers obtain better prices than any other man.

Studying the market in the fall of 1900, Mr. Phillips became convinced that corn was too cheap and that the price was being kept down by wealthy speculators. He talked higher prices and continued to gather data.

Friend of the Farmer. He obtained the confidence of about 300 well-to-do farmers, who agreed to back him, and in November he entered the pit to buy. He cornered 15,000,000 bushels and outwitted veterans who had been fighting on the board for twenty years. He sent the price to forty cents, the highest in years, and the deal netted him \$150,000.

At that time he was 31 years old, weighed 125 pounds and, although well known on the board, he never had been in the limelight. Mr. Phillips conducted his corner on a high principle heretofore unknown, releasing all traders caught "short" who came to him with the statement that they would be ruined if he pressed them.

Became Known as "Corn King." His exploit won him the title of "corn king" and for years it clung. Even in the last year men about the board of trade frequently pointed him out to visitors as one of the most spectacular figures of his time in the business world.

He still clung to the board, though his fortune had declined almost as rapidly as it had risen. For five years he had been employed by the commission firm of Adolph Klempner & Co.

Ten days ago he became ill and since that time was confined to his home. The end came suddenly, however, from heart failure.

Mr. Phillips leaves a widow and three children.

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President Wilson Favors Bill. At the White House, Francis B. James, representing the American Bar Association, made the formal presentation. He pointed out that the Pomerene bill of lading bill prepared by the committee on uniform laws of the American Bar Association which had already been adopted by fifteen states. Mr. James called upon Charles S. Haight, of New York, chairman of a special committee of the Chamber of Commerce of the United States; Charles A. Hinsch, of Cincinnati, of the American Bankers' Association; Guy M. Freer, president of the National Industrial Traffic League; Sol Wexler, of the New Orleans Cotton Exchange; Charles England of the National Hay Association; and Willard R. Myers, of the National Association of Farmers' Cooperative Associations. President Wilson then remarked that being already convinced he needed no more arguments.

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COW RECORDS IN MARCH

The following table gives the names and records of the cows in the Central West Virginia Cow Testing Association which have produced more than forty pounds of butterfat or 1,000 pounds of milk during the period of thirty days ending March, 1916:

Owner of cow.	Name of cow	Breed	Age	When Fresh.	Lbs. of fat.	Percent of fat.	Lbs. of milk.
P. C. Sturm, Clarksburg	Elma	Jersey	9	March	1,461	3.8	55.5
P. C. Sturm, Clarksburg	Black Belle	Holstein	8	Feb.	1,177	3.7	43.5
P. C. Sturm, Clarksburg	Black Beauty	Grade	5	Nov.	1,000	4.3	43.
P. C. Sturm, Clarksburg	Bonnie	Jersey	9	March	1,180	3.6	42.5
P. C. Sturm, Clarksburg	Goldie	Jersey	9	Feb.	1,003	4.	40.
G. W. Anderson, Shinnston	Nizum's Sultana	Jersey	13	Jan.	884	5	44.2
G. W. Anderson, Shinnston	Pink's Pleasure	Jersey	4	Jan.	1,041	4.8	49.9
G. W. Anderson, Shinnston	Grace	Jersey	3	Jan.	835	5	41.7
G. W. Anderson, Shinnston	Laura Lee	Jersey	7	Dec.	768	5.6	43.6
Henry Bassel, Mt. Clare	Pet	Grade	3	Feb.	1,171	3.9	45.7
Henry Bassel, Mt. Clare	Becky	Grade	3	Feb.	1,004	4.6	46.2
Henry Bassel, Mt. Clare	Lily	Grade	3	March	920	5.2	47.8
J. D. Bassel and Son, Mt. Clare	Nellie	Grade	6	Feb.	1,060	4.8	50.9
J. D. Bassel and Son, Mt. Clare	Condenna	Grade	9	Feb.	1,079	4.4	47.5
J. D. Bassel and Son, Mt. Clare	Beauty	Grade	4	Feb.	920	5.2	47.8
Nizum Bros., Bridgeport	Ally's Em	Jersey	5	Jan.	881	5.4	47.6
Nizum Bros., Bridgeport	Knight's Pink	Jersey	6	Oct.	820	6	49.2
P. K. Stout, Clarksburg	Pretty I.	Jersey	7	March	797	5.1	40.6
P. K. Stout, Clarksburg	M. View Beas	Jersey	5	Jan.	989	4.8	47.5
J. B. Supler & Sons, Clarksburg	Jess	Guernsey	13	Feb.	1,200	3.6	43.2
J. B. Supler & Sons, Clarksburg	Maggie	Jersey	6	Feb.	1,186	4	47.4
J. B. Supler & Sons, Clarksburg	Nancy	Jersey	5	March	974	3.8	37
J. B. Supler & Sons, Clarksburg	Lengthy	Grade	9	Feb.	1,078	3.4	36.6
A. M. Sturm, Enterprise	Bloss	Grade	7	Jan.	1,079	4.5	48.5
A. M. Sturm, Enterprise	Joule	Grade	6	Feb.	789	5.1	40.2
J. P. Staunton, Clarksburg	Blue Belle	Grade	6	Dec.	736	5.6	41.2
O. C. Phillips, Fairmont	Qerty	Jersey	8	March	1,057	5.4	57.1
J. W. Saunders	Minn	Grade	6	March	966	5	48.3

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which bankers may safely rely, but also upon the disastrous effect upon our foreign commerce. Forgeries of bills of lading for cotton by one firm of exporters caused innocent persons a loss of \$5,000,000 without anyone being punished, since there is no adequate federal statute. In another recent instance the losses were \$6,000,000. The Pomerene bill makes forgery of bills of lading representing that they cover interstate or foreign shipments a crime punishable in the federal courts.

Unless there is such legislation as the Pomerene bill will give, Mr. Haight declared, the reputation of all American exporters is at hazard in the markets of the world. With impunity, according to past experience, a dishonest firm can cast on all American shipping documents a suspicion that will depreciate American goods everywhere and result in serious national detriment.

Edward P. Smith of Omaha, speaking at the afternoon session, on behalf of the Council of Grain Exchanges of the United States, pointed out the abuse which must be prevented in order that commerce may move with freedom and producers get the best prices to which they are entitled. Citing parallel circumstances of members of the business community who issue instruments of credit or title, he declared that a railroad alone, when the question arises in interstate or foreign commerce, can escape liability to innocent purchasers when an agent issues a bill of lading without actually receiving the goods which the bill declares have been shipped.

When any other business is involved, Mr. Smith went on, the legal doctrine that of two innocent parties the one is to bear a loss whose act has been the proximate cause of the injury. He dwelt, too, upon the desirability of providing a way by which a shipper can under proper circumstances get a clean bill of lading, this to be without a notation to the effect that the shipper and not the railroad is responsible for the statements in the bill regarding quantity and the like.

Bankers Must Depend Upon Security of Bills. Mr. Hinsch emphasized the benefits small dealers in grain and other commodities get from properly safeguarded bills of lading. He said

when bills of lading can be taken by bankers without hesitancy at their face value, banks will freely discount drafts accompanied by bills of lading, depending upon the security of the bill and not dealing merely upon a basis of personal credit such as only large concerns can command. The lack of federal law, he continued, is today adding to the freight congestions with its attendant losses. At present business men on whom drafts are drawn will not take them up until they can assure themselves that the goods represented by the supporting bill of lading have actually arrived. This procedure entails just so much more delay in getting cars unloaded.

Hearings to be Continued. Charles A. Magnuson, of Minneapolis, of the council of grain exchanges described the operations and the obligations of the country's elevators of the northwest. Herbert Sheridan of the Baltimore chamber of commerce, told of the importance of the Pomerene bill to the canners of the country.

The hearings were adjourned, with an understanding that after the House committee has heard Mr. James, the interstate commerce commission, and representatives of the railroads, Mr. Haight will appear again to close the arguments.

International High Commission Considers Bill. Mr. Haight prepared a report last summer on the subject for the American members of the International high commission that grew out of the Pan American financial conference of a year ago, pointing out that the absence of federal legislation puts our Latin-American trade in constant jeopardy. The national chamber of commerce in 1913 endorsed the Pomerene bill, which has now passed the Senate three times, in the two earlier Congresses failing to be reported from the committee in the House. Vigorous representations being made to this Congress, and the attitude of the present House committee, afford reason to expect that the measure will soon become law.

In 1912 the International Congress of Chambers of Commerce, meeting in Boston, with delegates from thirty-five or more countries, referred in its resolutions to the desirability of the Pomerene bill "for establishing the liability of carriers on bills of lading issued by their agents in international shipments." In all countries except England and the United States the law in this regard is established for the security of commercial transactions based on bills of lading. Before and after the International Congress and the United States Chamber of Commerce commercial organizations throughout the country have declared the necessity of such legislation as is proposed in the Pomerene bill.

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